

visited these neighborhood branch libraries looking for services that they can't receive anywhere else; 2.4 million individuals visited the NYPL's four research libraries, accessing many of the collections and programs I have already described; and 25.4 million people from around the world visit the Library's Web site and online collections each year. Dr. LeClerc has overseen all of these magnificent resources and we are so thankful to him for his passion and dedication.

As Dr. LeClerc retires from the library, leaving his mark on its past and future, I would like to ask my colleagues to join with me today in honoring him for his over 17 years of dedication to the New York Public Library, the city of New York, and pursuers of knowledge worldwide.●

BOWDLE, SOUTH DAKOTA

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Bowdle, SD. The town of Bowdle will celebrate its 125th anniversary this year.

Bowdle was founded in 1886 and experienced rapid growth as the rail line running through the town continued to expand westward. Located in Edmunds County, it has now become an agricultural center in the region. It also has a strong local business community and excellent healthcare and educational facilities.

Bowdle has been a successful and thriving community for the past 125 years, and I am confident that it will continue to serve as an example of South Dakota values and traditions. I would like to offer my congratulations to the citizens of Bowdle on this landmark occasion and wish them continued prosperity in the years to come.●

BRYANT, SOUTH DAKOTA

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Bryant, SD. The town of Bryant will celebrate its 125th anniversary this year. Bryant was named after an official of the railroad, as the town came into being when the railroad came through the southwest corner of Hamlin County. Bryant is also home to the Kant Hotel which is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Bryant has been a successful and thriving community for the past 125 years and I am confident that it will continue to serve as an example of South Dakota values and traditions. I would like to offer my congratulations to the citizens of Bryant on this important occasion and wish them continued prosperity in the years to come.●

CONDE, SOUTH DAKOTA

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Conde, SD. The town of Conde will celebrate its 125th anniversary this year.

Located in Spink County, Conde was founded in 1886 when W.W. Rounds,

Conde's first settler, sold his farm to the Western Town Lot Company. The town was named by the French-born wife of a local railroad executive, who chose to name the town after the fortress of Conde in France.

Today Conde is known for its excellent pheasant and deer hunting, and friendly atmosphere. Conde has been a successful and thriving community for the past 125 years, and I am confident that it will continue to serve as an example of South Dakota values and traditions. I would like to offer my congratulations to the citizens of Conde on this landmark occasion and wish them continued prosperity in the years to come.●

HECLA, SOUTH DAKOTA

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Hecla, SD. The town of Hecla will celebrate its 125th anniversary this year.

Located in Brown County, Hecla was founded in 1886 and was named after a volcano in Iceland. Today Hecla is known for its excellent hunting, abundant bird watching opportunities, and friendly atmosphere.

Hecla has been a successful and thriving community for the past 125 years, and I am confident that it will continue to serve as an example of South Dakota values and traditions. I would like to offer my congratulations to the citizens of Hecla on this landmark occasion and wish them continued prosperity in the years to come.●

LANGFORD, SOUTH DAKOTA

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Langford, SD. The town of Langford will celebrate its 125th anniversary this year.

Langford was founded in 1886 and named after Sam Langford, the owner of the land where the town was built. Located in Marshall County, it is known for its talented high school band and community pride in their high school athletes.

Langford has been a successful and thriving community for the past 125 years, and I am confident that it will continue to serve as an example of South Dakota values and traditions. I would like to offer my congratulations to the citizens of Langford on this landmark date and wish them continued prosperity in the years to come.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations

which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 5:36 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1934. An act to improve certain administrative operations of the Library of Congress, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2112. An act making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following joint resolutions, without amendment:

S.J. Res. 7. Joint resolution providing for the reappointment of Shirley Ann Jackson as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

S.J. Res. 9. Joint resolution providing for the reappointment of Robert P. Kogod as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1934. An act to improve certain administrative operations of the Library of Congress, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

H.R. 2112. An act making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2144. A communication from the Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Irish Potatoes Grown in Washington; Decreased Assessment Rate" (Docket No. AMS-FV-11-946-2 IR; FV11-946-2 IR) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2011; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2145. A communication from the Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Blueberry Promotion, Research, and Information Order; Section 610 Review" (Docket No. AMS-FV-10-0006) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2011; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.